



**Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs**

**Daniel D. Green, Director**

**109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511**

Commissioner President: James Grandgenett  
Commissioner Vice Chairwoman/Secretary: Carole Bernhard  
Commissioner Kevin Molsberry  
Commissioner Troy Brandt  
Commissioner Gary Forsythe

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting October 10th, 2024 at 4:45p.m.

Location: Conference Room #110, Court House Annex, 109 West State Street, Algona, IA 50511.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for POW/MIA.
3. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Grandgenett, Bernhard, Molsberry and Brandt. Absent: Commissioner Forsythe
4. Guests: None
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
6. Old Business: METRICS:
  - a. Number of Open Claims in System: Open 39, Pending Development 16, Ready for decision 5, Secondary RFD 1, Rating Decision Complete 1, Ready for Work 0.  
Number of Veteran Records: 1231.  
Number IA VET Trust Fund Applications previous month: 0  
Number IA VET Trust Fund Applications current month: 0  
Number IA VET Trust fund approved YTD: 1  
Number IA VET Trust fund disapproved YTD: 0  
Number of VA Caregiver applications submitted previous month: 0  
Number of VA Caregiver applications submitted current month: 0  
Number of VA Caregiver applications approved YTD: 0  
Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grant YTD: 0  
Home Improvement Structured Alterations Grant Pending: 0  
Brushy Creek Honor Flight Applications mailed out 0  
Iowa Veterans Home Application 0 YTD  
Veterans tracked in the Iowa Veterans Home 2.
  - b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Review Directors Activities for SEP2024 (Handout).
  - c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary SEP2024 (Handout). Provided completed quarterly payroll for review/signature of Commissioners.
  - d. VETPRO UPDATES: \*VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limit report features) Director Green provided a snapshot of VetPro reports:
    - Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: SEP2024

- Forms created: \_\_82\_\_. Forms scanned/Submitted: \_\_78\_\_.
- Completed claims w/Decision AUG2024\* Monthly award: \$838.28: Retro: \$0.
- Completed claims w/Decision YTD\* Monthly award: \$26,942.92 Retro: \$125,104.00.
- AD HOC Reports developed (Works in Progress). Numbers will be adjusted based upon transfers in and out of the county, deaths of veterans and new claims adjudicated and recorded in the program.

SYSTEM SPOUSE DIC \$41,510.90. RETRO: \$242,299.09.

SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$12,333.14 RETRO: \$25,380.00.

SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$613,606.80. RETRO: \$2,495,586.92.

SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$29,128.15. RETRO: \$129,391.80.

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$38,000.00.

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: Burial: \$8,919.00 Plot Allowance: \$10,025.00. Transportation Reimbursement: \$935.00.

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 11

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% 54

SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death etc: \$147,639.80.

- e. TRAINING: Commissioner training is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2024 at Camp Dodge with a reception to be held Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Fall CVSO school is 15-17 October in Altoona.
- f. OUTREACH: Director Green supported CCF Vets Booth 13 Sep 2024. Mobile Medical Unit was in Algona 8 Oct 2024; had to cut trip short due to malfunction with refrigeration on vehicle.
- g. DUE OUTS: Director Green has begun working on design/purchase for department shirts. Director Green is awaiting information from Mr. Morey on County Binders on an estimated cost for grave records scanning Book 4 and the Count Veterans War Binder. Delay is due to Mr. Morey's recovery.
- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: OCT24, Iowa Commission of VA Quarterly Commission Meeting, Iowa Commission of VA Legislative Liaison Report, Director Green's Annual Self-Assessment, Draft Meeting Schedule for 2025 Calendar Year.

## 7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission. Commissioner Bernhard informed Director Green that she would attend the VA Commissioner's Reception at the Goldstar Museum on Camp Dodge Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.

- b. Director Green informed the Commission that the recruitment of new drivers for the department to drive veterans to appointments is still a work-in-progress.
- c. Coordination assistance for attendees Commissioner training at Camp Dodge.
- d. Commissioner Remarks: None.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned 17:45pm.

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